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Her Husband and His Pal. Nabbed in New York, Believed to Have Stolen Thousands From Letters.

Mystery Shrouding Disappear ance of Hundreds of Mai Mrs. Clark Yale.

Startling revelations involving wholesale robberies of the mails which may total thousands of dollars and the destruction of hunletters and packages were made in a cell here today according to the police, by Mrs. Clark Yale, who with her husband, a brother of John R. Yale, a New York politician, until a few weeks

o occupied an expensive suite in street northwest.

Calmly and deliberately, the police declare, the woman who was arrested in company with her husband and his "pal," James Carey in a New York apartment house fast night, uncovereu a conspiracy which involved not only a systematic robbery of mail wagons and mail boxes, but a bold plot to swindle a score of banks by means vestigation.
When seen at the Army War College of forged checks.

ild, thirty-two years the junior of her susband. She is held in custody at the First precinct station. Detective Guy Burlingame, of the Central Office, brought her to this city today. Yale and Carey are being held by the New York authorities. They will be given a hearing before the United States | mitted Commissioner in New York either tomerrow or Friday, following which they will be brought to this city. A third man is being sought by the police.
Only after a huge buildog belonging to the woman was subdued were the detectives and postal authorities who arested the two men and woman able to For months Yale, whom the police say

has a criminal record and has served time in a Massachusetts prison for rob-bing the mails, and his wife lived as "respected neighbors" to members of Washington's exclusive colony. Both the man and his wife were known to those living about them as "nice people." so one of their erstwhile wompeople." so one of their erstwhile wom-an friends said today.

All during this time, according to the

# MARRIAGE BUREAU IS UNDER INQUIRY

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.-A sweeping investigation of conditions attached to to meet him personally. the marriage bureau in the basemen of city hall is to be made immediately by the mayor and the board of alder-men following the receipt of many complaints from indignant bridegrooms arge marriage fee after being wedded Under the law an alderman cannot

accept a fee for performing a marriage. When a young couple leaves the marriage license bureau, after obtaining a license, for which they pay \$1, they are immediately approached by a "runner" from the marriage bureau in the basement of the city hall.

This bureau was established in the good old Tammany days, and consists of a room in the basement called the "chapel." No one is in charge of this room officially, but it is a place provided by the city where aldermen may perform marriages without charge. Fo the past ten years Tammany men have been in charge of this "chapel."

# Two Firemen Die, 6 Hurt In Danville, Ill., Fire

men were killed and six were injured, two probably fatally, he falling walls in a fire that did floous damage today to the Odd Fellows building, one of the largest office buildings in the city.

Claude E. Miller, chairman, says that the committee has recommended an extension of the privilege to one hour. President P. T. Moran, of the Chamber of Commerce, today announced that his organization would also be represented.

# Uniform Won't Save TAVINAD Intoxicated Police

Commissioners Rule That Distric Guards Must Show No

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The order was called for by the case of a crossing policeman who was observed to be intoxicated with an inebrated civilian. The civilian was arrested but the polceman was allowed to proceed unmolested.

Commissioner Brownlow today recommended to the Board of Commissioners that the policeman who was intoxicated be fined \$75, to be paid in monthly installments, and that he be warned that a repetition of his offense will result in harsher measures.

Pouches Solved by Arrest of Secretary Garrison Orders Investigation of Capt. Mitchell's Speech.

chell, of the army general staff, at the

United States about three years to pu e Lonsdale, 2138 California field, and in that time an enemy could cab companies doing business in take and hold our Atlantic seaboard."

He was quoted also as having said:
"Keep your eyes on England. She intends to put 1,000,000 men in the field."
Captain Mitchell was said to have discussed also the Zeppelins, the German d2-centimeter guns, and compared them with United States field artillery, and to have mentioned a field gun now being developed by the United States which fires a 450-pound projectile.

Garrison Displeased. Secretary Garrison was emphatic expressing disapproval of public discusdon of military matters by army of ficers. He said he did not know the circumstances of Captain Mitchell's talk. and for that reason had ordered an in-

Brought From New York.

The woman, who is comely and expensively dressed, is twenty-eight years old, thirty-two years the junior of her word of the said, were not part of a prepared address he delivered before the Washington Society of Engineers at the Cosmos Club.

Admits Answering Questions. He admitted answering several questions put to him by members of the consideration in allowing the club, but explained that it was a private meeting of the Engineers' Society at which the general public was not ad-Objections of officials to discussion of military matters by officers is based on President Wilson's proclamation forbidding all unneutral public utterances by officers of American military or naval establishments.

Joy Edson, and George E. Hamilton Submit Report.

George E. Hamilton, members of the District Board of Charities, the work of that body in administering the various charitable and penal institutions charge a higher rate than those fixed Indignant Bridegrooms Stir Up of the city.

Members of the board submitted a general resume of their work. The President is understood to have expressed general satisfaction with the manner in which the board is carry-

ing out its duties.

Although appointed by the President, it is the first time that any members of the board have been able

# Printing Office Employes

Employes of the Government Printing Office will receive thirty days' annual leave hereafter instead of twenty-six days, as the result of a decision today by Comptroller of the Treasury Downey. The case was decided on an appeal made by F. C. Roberts from a decision rendered by former Comptroller Tracewell. Judge Downey's decision overrules that of his predecessor.

## Merchants to Protest Automobile Regulation

Delegates from the Retail Merchants Association will appear before the Commissioners at the public hearing tomorrow morning to protest against the regulation limiting the stop of automobiles on certain of the streets in the business section of the city to lifteen claude E. Miller, chairman, says that

Utilities Commission Soon to File Report of Results of Physical Valuation of Companies Here.

oncerns Operating in Capital Charge Higher Rates for Two Persons Those in New York or Boston.

Though the Terminal Taxicab Company has served notice of its valuable piece of public property, Com intention to carry its fight that taxicabs be not classed as public util- to the proposed increase of \$4,000 in the ities to the United States Supreme which occupies a portion of the Content Court, the Public Utilities Commission will proceed with its work the request of the market company operating in Washington on a basis rental which now amounts to \$8,000 to be determined from a recent

Profit to the companies.

These rates, it is stated, will not A statement of the revenues and expenses of the market company during recent years was submitted by E. O. Whitford, president. basis of what it considers a fair provements. profit to the companies.

be made upon a comparative basis with rates charged in other cities. But a fair margin of profit under which taxicab companies operating elsewhere will be taken into margin of profit reasonably to be expected by investors in the taxicab companies operating in Wash-

Survey Is Required Meanwhile the rates charged here at the time the act creating the commis-

sion went into effect, on March 4. 1913, will continue to prevail since that law utility charge can be made until the thorough survey of the property and mon carriers. equipment of the utility in question.

Though the commission officials insist that rates charged elsewhere have bearing upon the rates they will fix Washington, since operating conditions may vary in different cities, these rates are on file at the commission's of-ce for those who wish to inform them-selves of the rates in other cities. The variation of methods of charging taxicab fares is so different in other cities, by reason of different units of distance fixed, and different provisions President Wilson today discussed with Commissioner Oliver P. Newman and Chairman John Joy Edson and Chairman John most nearly universal basis of com-(Continued on Second Page.)

# Defends Federal Trade Commission

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 .- A strong defense of the President's Federal Trade Commission was made by Joseph E. Davies, Commissioner of Corporations, To Get Thirty Days' Leave before the Merchants' Association today. Mr. Davies declared the trade commission would gather a comprehensive body of information concerning the industries of the country which was much needed the drafting of laws affecting business.
"This information," he said, "will be

"This information," he said, "will be available to the solution of problems, and consistent with what constitutes fairness as between competitors, and will be available for the guidance of great and small business as well."

"By direct authorization of the law, the trade commission may be called in by the Department of Justice to make recommendations as to the manner by recommendations as to the manner in which corporations may adjust their business so as to comply with the law."

# Commuters Saved From Injury by Steel Cars

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 .- Steel cars saved several hundred commuters from Considered bills on regular Wednesday injury today when a broken journal threw several Delaware, Lackawanna and Western cars off the track near the Bergin Hill tunnel. The train was be The train was bound from South Orange for Jersey City.

# RATES Sixty-Day Fast Fatal to Tailor

California Talks Orange Juice A Finish and Then Dies of

donday by taking orange juice, his de-litalized organs failed to respond.

It is believed that Roth established a new record for fasting. His abstenance from food of any description extended ove ra period of only a few hours short of sixty days.

Commissioner Newman Arques Against Request of Center Market Company.

Market Company is receiving for i rental of the District militia's armory

The hearing was called to consider fixing rates of all taxicabs their next estimates to Congress pro vision for the increase in the armor militia that the increase will go into physical valuation of the four taxicab companies doing business in
Washington.

Within a week the commission
hopes to file for formal approval

Public Utilities Commission May Assume Jurisdiction If Service Grows.

Whether the jitney bus will be placed under the supervision of the Public Utilities Commission as urged by George provides that no change in any public E. Hamilton, president of the Capital Traction Company, will depend upor commission orders the change after a their growth and development as com-

If a number of buses are places in operation and there is evidence that the Jitney Bus Association is to meet with success, and become a permanent institution, the commission, it is stated. will assume jurisdiction. Under the present ruling of the commission, jitney buses are classed as public hacks. Andrew I. Hickey, chairman of the Jitney Bus Association, said today

that he was preparing an answer to the objections raised by the Capital Traction Company. A new idea in connection with the proposed jitney service was an-

proposed jitney service was announced today by Miller Bros., automobile and supply house, 61 Pierce street northeast, which seeks prospective patrons for a jitney bus service. The firm will send an automobile for those who desire it each morning and bring them back each evening at 5 cents a trip.

Steps already have been taken to establish a jitney bus line along Columbia pike fro mthe highway bridge as far as Barcroft, Va., and posibly to Falls Church, by commuters living in the Virginia towns which the proposed line would tap.

line would tap.
The Arlington Citizens' Association is urging better transportation facilities.
W. C. Wibert, if the board of supervision, and E. B. Fox. of the county utilities commission. favor improved

service.

The plan suggested is to raise \$40,000 to buy ten-passenger automobiles and put them in immediate service over scheduled routes. The weople of Barcroft are said to be particularly anxious for the jitney service to better connect that town with Washington, and commuters on the Clarendon line of the railroad are urging a jitney service from Rosslyn to Ballston via Clarendon.

# IN CONGRESS TODAY.

Foreign Relations Committee discussed international situation. Ship purchase inquiry begun Ship purchase bill sent from House to Senate and fight renewed.

Met at noon

calendar lieve superannuated judges of a portion of their work when they decline to lettre at age of seventy.

public places.

Over 100 Collection Stations Report Auspicious Opening of Sacrifice Period-Early Shoppers Aid Cause.

Charitable Organizations of District Benefiting by City-Wide Campaign to Assist the Unfortunate.

A shower of coins!

That is the most apt description of this morning's start of District Do-

Before most of Washington's department workers started down town this morning, scores of Washington women had set up collection stations for this week's effort to aid Washington charities, at more than Wants Rail and Highway Ap-100 of the busiest spots in Wash-

At department stores, women residing over the brown contribution boxes greeted the earliest the results of its work upon this physical valuation with the Commissioners. Immediately after that action it will proceed upon the difficult task of fixing rates upon a basis of what it considers a fair provements. markets and stores.

'Democratic Campaign' "This is the most democratic campaign I ever met." said one of the work-ers at another store, as one well dressed shopper dropped a bill in the box, and

# (Continued on Tenth Page.) MEXICÂN CAPITAL REEKS WITH FILTH

Consul Silliman, in Latest Report. Says Sanitary Conditions Are Indescribable.

Indescribable sanitary conditions threatening to add pestilence to the horrors of famine in Mexico City, were reported to the State Department today by American Consul Silliman. The cutting of the water supply mains by Zapatistas, paralyzing the sewage Attorney Frank J. Hogan offered the

Sections of the Mexican capital "reek forces, Silliman said.

Pursuant to telegraphic instruction his confidential agent here, today addressed a not to ambassadors and ministers of foreign nations in Washington having diplomatic representative in Mexico City inviting their government representatives to join Villa in the north. Senor Arredondo, head of the Car-ransista agency in Washington, and Attorney Charles A. Douglas, Carranzista general counsel in the United States, were leaving for Vera Cruz to-day for a series of conferences with

# France Lifts Embargo on **Exports to United States**

PARIS. Feb. 17 .- Following the deciion of the English, French, and Rus-

Frances Willard Honored. The W. C. T. U. held services in the Capitol retunds this afternoon in Internet of the organization's late president, Frances E. Willard. Congressman so successfully that an expert had to be sailed in to open it.

Safe The door is not locked, so don't internal price of the pritish merchant fleet as unarmed or entitled to warning before attack because the cause merchantmen are equipped with successfully that an expert had to be sailed in to open it.

# **FACTS ABOUT DONA-**TION WEEK WHICH STARTED TODAY

Contributions from a penny up are solicited from every man, woman, and child in Wash-

hese contributions may be made at any of the 150 stations located at department stores, drug stores, department buildings, and other All contributors have the priv-

ilege of designating to what

charity their money shall go. Provisions and clothes also may be deposited at the Center Market "Community Barrel." or at other designated points. All money not designated will be divided among accredited Washington charity organizations by the men's committee. Those desiring to send money directly to the committee should address checks to H. B. F. Macfarland at the Evans Building.

# CANADA ASKS U.S.

proaches to Dominion Protected.

he British ambassador, today request ed the United States to place guards on the American side of the international boundary at highway and rat

This action was taken as a result the attempt to dynamite the Canadian Pacific bridge at Vanceboro by Werner Horn, and reports of the anti-British feeling of certain German and Austrian subjects in the United States. Secretary of State Bryan is not pre-

will be taken by the Federal Govern-

# This request was made of him in a memorial presented by representatives of the Society of Friends of Swarthmore. Pa. The memorial read as fellows: It is understood that as an act of retails and will announce directly a counter-move against Germany, and that she will try to prevent trade of any character between Germany and neutral nations. Whether this will take the form of a conventional belows and in the situation with the greatest concern, if not with alarm. Letter, Offered to Show Intent, Placed in Evidence in Will Contest Suit This request was made of him in a memorial presented by representatives of the Society of Friends of Swarthmore. Pa. The memorial read as fellows: "We earnestly desire that you exert all your influence against the movement to extend military instruction through out educational institutions, from the universities to the recreation camp. We are conscientiously opposed to any increase of armaments on the seas, on the land or in the air. We irrsist on the exclusive use of the peace measure of settling international disputes; (1) Good officers of mediation, (2) international commission of tinquiry; (3)

Contest Suit.

To show that Stilson Hutchins planned n 1910 to place all his affairs in the hands of Attorney A. S. Worthington system, is responsible for this condi- following letter in evidence at the trial of the will contest suit:

"I have authorized A. S. Worthington with filth and disease." Silliman re- as my attorney-at-law and, in fact, to ported, and medical forces are operating take charge for me, after the 31st day to check an epidemic. Thousands stood of December, 1910, of all matters perin line yesterday to receive the small taining to my property and business portion of corn allotted by the Carransa affairs generally. Please, therefore, after that date, as to all such matters report and account to him, and follow from General Villa, Enrique C. Llorento, his instructions as though they were

> The letter was addressed to William J. Dante. When the court convened for the morning session, its attention was called by John C. Gittings, attorney for Mrs. Hutchins, to certain references to his client in the testimony of yester-day which he thought should be expunged from the record.

# Safe Unlocked, But

PASSAIC, N. J., Feb. 17.-When John sian ministers of finance that the allies shall pool their resources for the conduct of the war, the French minister of finance today removed the embargo from all French exportations so far as the allied nations and the United States.

Williamson, superintendent of the David and Catterial Handkerchief Company here, reached his office he found from all French exportations so far as the allied nations and the United States.

Williamson, superintendent of the David and Catterial Handkerchief Company here, reached his office he found from all French exportations so far as the door, which was unlocked. After the door, which was unlocked. After tampering with the combination until they had done about \$160 danage, they had done about \$160 danage.

The imperial chancellor, von Beth had community to neutral mann-Hollweg, has issued a community the warning to neutral mann-Hollweg, has issued a community that by the catterian the warning to neutral mann-Hollweg, has issued a community to neutral mann-Hollweg, has issued a community to neutral mann-Hollweg, has issued a community to neutral mann-Hollweg, had a catter The W. C. T. U. held services in the safe. The door is not locked, so don't

# U. S. HAS PLAN TO **GUARD AMERICANS** IN NEW WAR ZONE

Gravity of Situation Overseas Is Felt by the President and Other Officials on **Eve of Enforcement of German** Decree For Blockade.

KAISER AND WILSON STAND FIRM

England Also Refuses to Consider Any Modification of Her Policy of Suffocation—Situation Before Senate Committee.

With but a few hours remaining before the German war zone decree goes into effect, Administration officials are believed to have under consideration a plan to safeguard the lives and property of Americans passing through

With little time in which to act, the plans under consideration are being carefully guarded. It is understood. however, that the subject was the basis of a number of dispatches which passed today between Washington and London and Washington and Berlin.

The Government is understood to have been informed that fourteen steamships carrying American passengers and cargoes will be in the war zone area at the time the decree soes into effect tomorrow. Of this number, only four are British, but among the four is the big passenger liner Adriatic, of the White Star line, due to arrive at Liverpool late tomorrow or Friday.

"This is the most democratic Campaign"

At S. Kann, Sons & Co., Mrs. W. A. Kelsey and Mrs. Anna R. Stillings, in charge of the Sunshine and Community Society's station, were among the first of that store was the first contributor to the box and shortly after 9 o'clock the shoppers began to drop coins and bills into the box.

"This is the most democratic cam"This is the most democratic cam"This is the most democratic cam"Still Bryan is not prepared to promise that the request will be granted. Officials of the British commor or Friday.

GRAVITY OF SITUATION NOT MINIMIZED.

The gravity of the situation is not prepared to promise that the request will be granted as a precautionary move to prevent the repetition of such an occurrence as the Horn dynamiting atempt, which might bring about international complications.

The Canadian government has taken no dary for several days.

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The State Department has taken no prevent the request for Horn's exaction on the request for Horn's ex-tradition. The prisoner, who claims to be a German army officer, is now in jail at Machias, Me., on a charge of against the enforcement of the decree in such a manner as would jeopardize the safety of American ships indicate was earnestly urged this afternoon not that the imperial admiralty will carry gerent nations to force this country into out its program to the letter, and that the European war.
This request was made of him in a the reply, while being courteous, will

international arbitration

Fear For Nation's Peace. "We would impress upon our Congressmen the danger of thoughtless utterances concerning the present Euroto allow any consideration of business

or political interests to interfere with our country's position of peace and neu-The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, behind closed doors, today informally discussed the general situation between this country and the foreign powers, especially Great Britain and Germany. It is well known that this situation is viewed by Senators with apprehension, though they are hopeful no act will be committeed which will incite American feeling unduly. oN ac. trality. No action of any nation, over-

# Berlin Expects Mines to Sink Neutral Vessels in War Zone

BERLIN. Feb. 17 .- German shipping | sinks a German submarine circles are aware that Great Britain has laid a large number of mines against German submarines. The Berara affixed by the Paris and London asserts they have had a proper warn-

America "Standing Pat."

The United States is "standing pat"

on its protests to Germany, as regards

the war zone, and to England, with

respect to the use by British vessels of

the American flag.
No modification has been made in the

Administration's demands on Berlin. and the possibility of an American ship

The imperial chancellor, von Beth- naval attache in Berlin, declared

lin press considers it "fairly certain" declarations, or until the neutral pow Cracksmen Lock It lin press considers it "fairly certain ers force this acknowledgment from England." Admiral Behncke, in an interview

with Commander Gherardi, American

will be lacking there. Germany has the "Germany can no longer regard the submarine forces to accomplish this end Germany's life as a nation, and the lives of her people, depend upon putting this campaign into operation